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Information Paper

Flood Control: Root River, Section 205, Houston, Mn.



Levee in Houston, Minn.

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Location/Description

The project site is located in southeastern Minnesota, in Houston County, approximately 140 miles south of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Background/Discussion:

The project provides for extending and upgrading an existing levee system. Portions of the existing levee were constructed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation in 1957, as part of improvements to State Highway 76, and by the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, under flood emergency operations in 1968. The project includes approximately 2.4 miles of permanent levees, almost 0.5 mile of road raise, interior drainage facilities with collection works for seepage and surface runoff, channel excavation, and a sandbag closure.

Status

Funds to prepare the plans and specifications were provided in February 1995. The first phase of construction to reduce damages from water being trapped behind the existing levee was completed in Fiscal Year 1996. The second phase of construction to improve the hydraulic channel capacity at the Highway 76 bridge was completed in Fiscal Year 1997. The third phase, to complete an upgrade of the existing levee system, was completed in July 2000. Real estate acquisition via condemnation are anticipated to extend project closeout into late FY 2001.

Authority

Section 205 of the 1948 Flood Control Act, as amended, and the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662.

Fiscal

Federal Cost	5,000,000
Non-Federal Cost	1,761,000
Total Estimated Cost	<hr/> 6,761,000